Jesus and the Samaritan Woman:

Living and Ministering from a Place of Exhaustion

"...so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'

8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?'

(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'" — John 4:6-10

I. An Intentional Ministry of Purpose — v. 1-9

- A. Showing Up where People are
- B. Encounter and Conversation with Jesus (Colossians 3:11, Galatians 3:28)

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

II. An Individual Ministry of People — v. 10-15

- A. Spending Time with People
- B. Engagement and Care of God, Self, and Others (See OT References of LIVING WATER)

Some Old Testaments References to LIVING WATER:

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." -Isaiah 12:3

"They shall not hunger or thirst" -Isaiah 49:10

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." -Isaiah 55:1

"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." -Psalm 42:1-2

"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." -Jeremiah 2:13

III. An Interruptible Ministry of Presence — v. 16-26

- A. Speaking with People
- B. Entrée and Invitation into Worship of Spirit and Truth (Jn 7:37-39, Jn 14:6, respectively)

"...Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "

39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive..." —

John 7:37-39

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — John 14:6

The Ministries of Purpose, People, and Presence are ALL couched from a Place of Exhaustion (Tiredness, Trials, Troubles, Sorrows, Etc.)